

Agency Chief Faces Quiz in Secret Hearing

Hill Probes CIA-NSA Link

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The embarrassing entanglement of the CIA with the National Student Association, already bearing the condemnation of two top Administration officials, gets a private airing today before a select Senate panel.

Late yesterday, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey voiced dismay over the clandestine CIA financing of the student group, adding his name to the growing list of prominent persons in and outside the Government who have deplored the CIA-NSA arrangement.

The CIA's payments supporting the NSA over the last 15 years represented "one of the saddest times our Government has had in terms of public policy," Mr. Humphrey said in an address to students at Stanford University.

He added that the spy agency needs "closer supervision" and that its projects should be "confined to its intelligence gathering activities."

HECKLERS

(Mr. Humphrey's visit to Stanford was marred by anti-war hecklers. Some 250 demonstrators surged around him as he left the Memorial Auditorium. However, a cordon

of Secret Service agents and sheriff's deputies joined arms to block the protestors and the Vice President reached his limousine safely.

Jeffrey Collins, 21, a non-student had his glasses broken and suffered minor injuries when he was tumbled to the pavement by an agent as the car sped away.)

Mr. Humphrey's comment followed similar criticism in a statement issued by HEW Secretary John W. Gardner, also a member of a panel President Johnson appointed last week to "review" such CIA liaisons.

MISTAKE

Mr. Gardner said it was "a mistake for the CIA ever to entangle itself in covert activities close to the field of education or scholarship or the university."

But he stressed that he felt the error should not weigh against recognizing the nation's need for an intelligence-gathering agency.

Richard Helms, another member of the review panel and CIA director, faced questioning in closed session today from members of a Senate Armed

Services sub-committee which oversees CIA activities.

One sub-committee member, Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield, has already stated the opinion the CIA link to the collegiate group smacked of "big brotherism" and should be fully investigated by the group.

Mr. Humphrey did not say when he became aware of the CIA-NSA relationship, which was publicly exposed last week and quickly followed by the NSA's breaking off the tie. NSA officials had said Mr. Humphrey's aid was enlisted last summer in the search for private funds to take the place of the CIA subsidies, but they said it was not clear if the Vice President actually was told about the relationship or already knew.

BOBBY COMMENTS

But Sen. Robert F. Kennedy (D.N.Y.) told UPI today that the basic decisions about such programs were made "by the executive branch — in the Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson administrations. All relevant agencies are contacted for their approval. That includes the White House." He said it was unfair to make the CIA take the entire rap.